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SUBJECT: SECRETARIES GENERAL MAINTAIN POSITION ON
100 PER CENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT

QUOTED BELOW IS STATEMENT BY SECRETARIES-GENERAL,
CIRCULATED AT OECD ON MARCH 9, IN WHICH THEY MAINTAIN
THEIR INSISTENCE ON FULL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF
COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS' SALARIES. BEGIN QUOTE:
COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JANUARY,
1976 (PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL)

1. IN APPROVING THE 123RD REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE (CCG(75)14), COUNCILS DECIDED THAT, "... THE
PROCEDURE FOR ADJUSTING THE REMUNERATION OF STAFF OF THE
CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS, AS SET OUT AT ANNEX VI TO
THE 78TH REPORT, SHALL CEASE TO APPLY ... ". NO
NEW PROCEDURE HAS AS YET BEEN RECOMMENDED TO COUNCILS
FOR APPROVAL.

2. THE LAST COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT UNDER THE OLD
PROCEDURE WAS GRANTED WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JULY, 1975.
BY COMMON CONSENT, FURTHER ADJUSTMENT IS DUE WITH EFFECT
FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1976. THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL CONSI-
DER APPROVAL OF THE ADJUSTMENT TO BE A MATTER OF URGENCY
SINCE MORE THAN 8 MONTHS HAVE NOW ELAPSED AND INDICES
IN MANY HOST COUNTRIES ARE CONTINUING TO RISE FAST.
ANY FURTHER EROSION OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF SALARIES
WILL BE EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO THE STAFF.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL PROPOSE AN
ADJUSTMENT OF STAFF SALARIES EQUAL TO 100 PER CENT OF
THE INCREASE IN COST-OF-LIVING INDICES WITH EFFECT
FROM LAST JANUARY,1976,

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